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LANDMARK

National Register
of Historic Places
 Charlottesville Multiple
SURVEY Resource
 Area

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 331-333 W. Main Street
 Map and Parcel: 32-192
 Census Tract & Block: 1-309
 Present Owner: Altamont Land Trust
 Address: P.O. Box 1151 City 22902
 Present Use: Store
 Original Owner: Johnson W. Pitts
 Original Use: Residence

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Pitts-Inge 104-35
 Date/Period: 1820
 Style: Federal
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-4
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 23 x 85
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 3510 + 1050 = 4560

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Inge Store is one of the oldest remaining structures on what was a rural "three notched road" leading from the town of Charlottesville to the University. It is built of brick, laid in Flemish bond on the facade and in common bond on the sides and rear. Typical of a house of this period is the "mouse-tooth" cornice, the stepped gables, and the slender buttressed chimney on the east end. The original fenestration has largely been obscured by the introduction of large areas of glass characteristic of nineteenth century commercial buildings. Adjoining the main structure is a smoke house, one of the last reminders of the many similar out buildings which have disappeared.

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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The land upon which the Inge Store was built was purchased by Joseph Bishop in 1803 from John Carr. The existing structure was constructed by Bishop's son-in-law, Johnson W. Pitts c. 1820. The property was sold on September 29, 1821 to Lawrence Catlett for \$1,000. The dwelling house served as a parsonage for the Charlottesville Methodist Church from 1840 until default of payment forced its sale in 1842 to Nimrod Sowell, who paid \$1,220 for the title. The father of the present owner bought the building in 1890, some 37 years after it had ceased to be used as a residence. Deed references; ACDB 22-416, 27-256, 30-363, 39-152, 40-104, 55-248, 60-218, 65-194, City DB 1-440.

SIGNIFICANCE

This building, with its stepped gables and mousetooth cornice, is a fine example of the Federal Style. It is the oldest surviving building on West Main Street, the old Three-Notched Road. George P. Inge, who bought it in 1890, was a very successful black businessman and a college classmate of Booker T. Washington, who was a frequent guest there.

CONDITIONS

Average

UTM: 17/720590/4211990

SOURCES

City/County Records
 Alexander's Recollections, p. 98N.

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